

In the Claims

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

Q 2 1. An antihistaminic syrup comprising descarboethoxyloratadine and about 0.05 to about 5 mg/mL of an aminopolycarboxylic acid or a salt thereof.

Cancel claims 2-5 and 13-22.

Add new claims 23-34, as follows:

Q 3 ~~9~~ 23. An antihistaminic syrup comprising descarboethoxyloratadine and an aminopolycarboxylic acid or a salt thereof.

~~10~~ 24. The antihistaminic syrup of claim ~~23~~ 9, wherein the aminopolycarboxylic acid or salt is present in an amount sufficient to inhibit degradation of said descarboethoxyloratadine.

~~11~~ 25. The antihistaminic syrup of claim ~~24~~ 9, wherein the aminopolycarboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of: iminodiacetic acid; methyliminodiacetic acid; nitrilotriacetic acid; ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid; diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid; 1,2-diaminocyclohexane-tetraacetic acid; N-hydroxyethylenediaminetriacetic acid; and a combination of two or more thereof.

~~12~~ 26. The antihistaminic syrup of claim ~~25~~ 9, wherein the aminopolycarboxylic acid comprises ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

~~13~~ 27. The antihistaminic syrup of claim ~~26~~ 12, wherein the ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid or salt is present in an amount sufficient to inhibit degradation of said descarboethoxyloratadine.

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~~28~~. A syrup formulation comprising descarboethoxyloratadine and about 0.05 to about 5 mg/mL of an aminopolycarboxylic acid or a salt thereof, sufficient to inhibit degradation of said descarboethoxyloratadine.

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~~29~~. The syrup of claim ~~28~~, <sup>14</sup> wherein the aminopolycarboxylic acid comprises ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

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~~30~~. The syrup of claim ~~29~~, <sup>15</sup> wherein the ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid is present in an amount of about 0.25 to about 0.5 mg/mL.

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~~31~~. The syrup of claim ~~28~~, <sup>14</sup> further comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a decongestant, analgesic, antitussive, expectorant or a combination of two or more thereof.

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~~32~~. The syrup of claim ~~28~~, <sup>14</sup> further comprising pseudoephedrine or a salt thereof.

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~~33~~. The syrup of claim ~~32~~, <sup>18</sup> further comprising an analgesic.

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~~34~~. The syrup of claim ~~28~~, <sup>14</sup> further comprising a decongestant and an analgesic.

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